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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows, substituting any amended claim(s) for the corresponding pending claim(s): No claims have been amended.

1           1. (Previously Amended)   A method for handling an unsuccessful synchronous call.  
2 attempt from a calling party to a called party, said method comprising:  
3           monitoring a synchronous call attempt from said calling party to said called party;  
4           determining at least one communication address related to said called party;  
5           dropping said synchronous call attempt to said called party;  
6           receiving a message composed by the calling party; and  
7           sending said message to said determined communication address.

1           2. (Unchanged)       The method of claim 1, further comprising determining that said  
2 synchronous call attempt to said called party is unsuccessful.

1           3. (Unchanged)       The method of claim 2, wherein said determining that said  
2 synchronous call attempt to said called party is unsuccessful comprises detecting an indication from  
3 the calling party that said synchronous call attempt to said called party is unsuccessful.

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1           4. (Unchanged)       The method of claim 3, wherein said indication comprises said calling  
2   party pressing a predetermined key or keys on a communication device.

1           5. (Unchanged)       The method of claim 3, wherein said indication comprises said calling  
2   party using a vocal command.

1           6. (Unchanged)       The method of claim 1, wherein said dropping occurs prior to said  
2   determining said at least one communication address.

1           7. (Unchanged)       The method of claim 1, wherein said dropping comprises  
2   disconnecting.

1           8. (Unchanged)       The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one communication  
2   address comprises at least one of a telephone number, pager number, e-mail address, voice  
3   messaging address, mobile phone number, and Internet instant messaging address.

1           9. (Unchanged)       The method of claim 1, wherein said determining at least one  
2   communication address comprises using said called party's telephone number in a query to at least  
3   one database for communication addresses for said called party.

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1           10. (Unchanged)    The method of claim 1, wherein said determining at least one  
2   communication address comprises using information about said called party in a query to at least one  
3   database to obtain other information about said called party.

1           11. (Unchanged)    The method of claim 10, wherein said other information about said  
2   called party is used in a query to at least one database to obtain further information about said called  
3   party.

1           12. (Unchanged)    The method of claim 10, wherein said information about said called  
2   party comprises name and communication addresses.

1           13. (Previously Amended)   The method of claim 1, wherein said receiving a message  
2   composed by a calling party comprises:

3                where said at least one communication address related to the called party comprises  
4   a plurality of communication addresses, presenting said calling party with a list of messaging options  
5   based on said plurality of communication addresses;

6                allowing the calling party to select a messaging option for use; and

7                commencing a message compose session related to said selected messaging option  
8   and pre-filling a communication address for said message with a communication address related to  
9   said messaging option.

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1           14. (Unchanged)     The method of claim 13, further comprising determining said called  
2     party's communication addresses that are available for use.

1           15. (Unchanged)     The method of claim 14, wherein said determining the called party's  
2     addresses that are available for use comprises comparing the determined called party's addresses  
3     with the message compose capability of a communications device of said calling party.

1           16. (Previously Amended)   A computer readable medium containing computer executable  
2     code which adapts a processor for a communication system to:  
3                 monitor a synchronous call attempt from said calling party to said called party;  
4                 determine at least one communication address related to said called party;  
5                 drop said synchronous call attempt to said called party;  
6                 receive a message composed by a calling party; and  
7                 send said message to said determined communication address.

1           17. (Unchanged)     The computer readable medium of claim 16, further adapting a  
2     processor for a communication system to determine that said synchronous call attempt to said called  
3     party is unsuccessful.

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1           18. (Unchanged)     The computer readable medium of claim 17, wherein said determining  
2     that said synchronous call attempt to said called party is unsuccessful comprises detecting an  
3     indication from the calling party that said synchronous call attempt to said called party is  
4     unsuccessful.

1           19. (Unchanged)     The computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein said indication  
2     comprises said calling party pressing a predetermined key or keys on a communication device.

1           20. (Unchanged)     The computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein said indication  
2     comprises said calling party using a vocal command.

1           21. (Unchanged)     The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein said at least one  
2     communication address comprises at least one of a telephone number, pager number, e-mail address,  
3     voice messaging address, mobile phone number, and Internet instant messaging address.

1           22. (Unchanged)     The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein said determining  
2     at least one communication address comprises using information about said called party in a query  
3     to at least one database to obtain other information about said called party.

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1           23. (Unchanged)     The computer readable medium of claim 22, wherein said other  
2     information about said called party is used in a query to at least one database to obtain further  
3     information about said called party.

1           24. (Previously Amended)   The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein said  
2     receive a message composed by a calling party comprises:

3                 where said at least one communication address related to the called party comprises  
4     a plurality of communication addresses, presenting said calling party with a list of messaging options  
5     based on said plurality of communication addresses;

6                 allowing the calling party to select a messaging option for use; and

7                 commencing a message compose session related to said selected messaging option  
8     and pre-filling a communication address for said message with a communication address related to  
9     said messaging option.

1           25. (Unchanged)     The computer readable medium of claim 24, further comprising  
2     determining said called party's communication addresses that are available for use.

1           26. (Unchanged)     The computer readable medium of claim 25, wherein said determining  
2     the called party's addresses that are available for use comprises comparing the determined called  
3     party's addresses with the message compose capability of a communications device of said calling

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1 party.

1 27. (Previously Amended) A method for handling a synchronous call attempt from a  
2 calling party to a called party, said method comprising:  
3 monitoring a synchronous call attempt from said calling party to said called party;  
4 detecting an indication from said calling party that said calling party wishes to send  
5 a message;  
6 determining at least one communication address related to said called party;  
7 receiving a message composed by said calling party; and  
8 sending said message to said determined communication address.

1 28. (Unchanged) The method of claim 27, wherein said detecting comprises detecting  
2 said calling party pressing a predetermined key or keys on a communication device.

1 29. (Unchanged) The method of claim 27, wherein said detecting comprises detecting  
2 said calling party using a vocal command.

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1           30. (Previously Amended) A system for handling an unsuccessful synchronous call  
2 attempt from a calling party to a called party, said system comprising:  
3           monitoring means for monitoring a synchronous call attempt from said calling party  
4 directed to said called party;  
5           detection means for determining that said synchronous call attempt from said calling  
6 party to said called party is unsuccessful;  
7           addressing means for determining at least one address for said called party;  
8           dropping means for dropping said synchronous call attempt to said called party;  
9           message means for receiving a message composed by said calling party; and  
10          sending means for sending said message to said address determined by said  
11 addressing means.

1           31. (Unchanged) The system of claim 30, wherein said addressing means comprises:  
2           at least one database containing said called party's address information;  
3           database query means for querying said database for said called party's address  
4 information; and  
5           data communication means for providing said called party's address information to  
6 said message means.